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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: TALKING POINTS FOR SOUTH AFRICA

REF: (A) USUN 3362 (B) USUN 3364

1. DEPARTMENT CONCURS IN TALKING POINTS CONTAINED REF
(A) AND IN PARAGRAPH 3 REF (B) FOR USE WITH SOUTH AFRICA.
IF PRETORIA FIVE AGREE, TALKING POINTS SHOULD ALSO
INCLUDE REMINDER TO SOUTH AFRICANS THAT TERMS OF WESTERN
SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL WERE APPROVED BY VIRTUALLY ALL
INTERNAL NAMIBIAN POLITICAL GROUPS AS WELL AS BY SWAPO
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AND SOUTH AFRICA. IN CONSEQUENCE IT WOULD NOT BE IN-
CORRECT TO SUGGEST THAT THE WESTERN PROPOSAL ENJOYS
THE SUPPORT OF THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE.

2. IF SOUTH AFRICANS RAISE THE SUBJECT, PRETORIA FIVE
MIGHT WISH TO EXPAND UPON TALKING POINTS REGARDING UN
TROOP LEVELS IN NAMIBIA BY NOTING THAT THE FIVE MADE IT

PLAIN IN THE COURSE OF NEGOTIATIONS THAT THEY WOULD SUPPORT THE DECISION OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL ON THE NUMBERS OF TROOPS NECESSARY TO PERFORM THE TASKS WHICH WILL BE REQUIRED OF UNTAG IN NAMIBIA. ON THE BASIS OF OUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE DIFFICULT PHYSICAL AND LOGISTICAL PROBLEMS THAT WILL CONFRONT UN PERSONNEL IN NAMIBIA,

WE BELIEVE THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S INITIAL ESTIMATE IS NOT OVERDRAWN.

3. PRETORIA FIVE MIGHT ALSO POINT OUT TO SOUTH AFRICA THAT A SUBSTANTIAL MILITARY COMPONENT WILL MAKE UNTAG MORE CAPABLE OF DEALING WITH ACTS OF POLITICAL VIOLENCE SUCH AS THOSE WHICH SOUTH AFRICA FEARS SWAPO MIGHT UNDERTAKE. FOR THAT REASON, WE HOPE THAT SOUTH AFRICA WILL SEE AN UNTAG WHICH IS CAPABLE OF DETERRING VIOLENCE AND ADVANCING SOUTH AFRICAN OBJECTIVES OF INSURING A PEACEFUL TRANSITION TO INDEPENDENCE.

4. NEW YORK CONTACT GROUP HAS AGREED PER REQUEST IN PRETORIA 5131 THAT PRETORIA FIVE MAY LEAVE WRITTEN TALKING POINTS WITH SOUTH AFRICANS. VANCE

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